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## 'ROUNDABOUT THE STATE.

**Cleaned from Exchanges--Made by the Shears, the Pencil and the Paste Pot--Some Original, Some Credited, and Some Stolen, but Nearly All Interesting Reading.**

The site for the government building at Sikeston cost \$7,500.

Naylor high school is to be placed on the approved high school list by the State University.

Sikeston will vote in April on the question of changing from a city of the fourth class to the third.

It is proposed in Mississippi county to enforce the stock law provision prohibiting hogs from running at large.

The wheat crop in Pemiscol county is reported in fine condition and the indication is for a better than average yield.

Governor Gardner has appointed C. F. Enright, of St. Joseph, as bank commissioner, for a term of four years from March 30.

Missouri Valley College, Marshall, Mo., was recently the recipient of a gift of \$100,000. The donor's name was withheld by request.

It is said that 1000 acres of wheat in Scott county was frozen out by the cold weather of the past winter and will be planted in some other crop this spring.

A big explosion occurred at the Tiller Lumber Co. mill last Tuesday week, at Bloomfield, wrecking the engine and doing other damage. No one was injured.

The citizens of Essex, a thriving little city in Stoddard county are all excited over the work of a lone highwayman who has been making them "stick up" their hands.

Up in Iron county, during a term of circuit court this month, there will be 250 back tax sales, and this will be very much the largest number they have had there in a long time.

At a cattle sale held in Stoddard county last week 57 head of registered and grade cattle, nearly all milch cows and heifers brought a total of \$5,395, or an average of \$94.27 per head.

Some one over in Stoddard county should tell the Essex Leader people that the national and state election is over since last November. That paper is still carrying the national and state tickets.

The two cannons that are to be mounted in the court yard arrived Saturday. They are of brass, weigh 250 pounds and are about four feet long. The guns are of the howitzer kind and 40 iron balls were sent with them.—Scott County Democrat.

Dr. Frank S. Vernon, of Charleston, Mo., who was assistant superintendent of the Farmington Asylum under the Dockery and Folk administrations, when the asylum was first inaugurated, was last week appointed Superintendent by Governor Gardner.

Alvin Chapman, the absconding postmaster of Bonath, Dunklin county, was arrested at Memphis one day last week, and is now in the custody of U. S. officers. He was trying to get his wife to Memphis in order to clear out for good when located and taken in charge.

The American Smelting and Refining Co., owners of the Federal Lead Co., at Flat River, Mo.,

has insured the lives of all its employees, salaried and wage earners, the policies ranging from \$500 on single men to \$2000 on men with families. This is done without a cent of cost to the employs.

Major Gibony Houck, of Cape Girardeau, recently received official notice that the government owed him \$28.78 for his service in the Spanish-American war, as a balance in settlement. The money was due him at the time he was mustered out of the service, but he had forgotten about it.

Mine La Motte in Madison county has been in operation continuously for 150 years, and periodically for 68 years before that. It has yielded lead, nickel, cobalt and copper in the main, though there are many other by-products. About one thousand men are given employment nearly all the time.

For a farmers' debating society near Nerborne the following question recently stimulated considerable discussion: "Resolved, that it is better to buy a good farm with improvements and a good soil, though you borrow the money, than to buy a poor farm with inferior improvements and pay cash for it."

Gov. Gardner last week appointed P. A. Benham, of Bonne Terre, James H. Buford, of Ellington, and Sam J. McMinn, of Marble Hill, as a board of managers for the Farmington Insane hospital. All are capable men and this action is well pleased with the appointments.—Friedericktown Democrat-News.

Geologists who have been investigating for several months, say that Higginsville and the land thereabouts is underlain with enough rock asphalt to pave a million miles of streets. They say it can not only be used for paving purposes, but can be made into a superior grade of roof paint and is rich in aniline dyes.

The Bloomfield post office now flies "Old Glory" on a staff high above the building. Louis Smith worked almost half a day erecting it, and when the postmaster went to settle, refused pay, saying it was enough pay to see "Old Glory" fluttering in the breeze. People can't say that Bloomfield hasn't a patriotic carpenter.—Bloomfield Vindicator.

Five Kentucky families passed through Poplar Bluff en route to Acorn, Mo., near where land has been purchased and they will make their future home. Those in the party were the families of Noah Wiggins, Joe Barnes, Joe Smith, Joe Williams, and Mr. Sheppard, and they come from Sedalia and Lynnville, Kentucky. The party comprised twenty-three people.—Poplar Bluff Citizen.

West Plains has a Boys' and Girls' Club, the stock being received there last week. The banks of the city furnished the money. The carload cost \$2,500, to which were added freight and other expenses, making each calf cost from \$37.50 to \$50. Each purchaser gave his note to the bank without interest. Next fall, the calves will be sold at auction, the notes will be paid and the profits will go to the various boys and girls who compose the club.

Perryville Sun: We have it from reliable sources that the U. S. government will build a military road from Jefferson Barracks near St. Louis, to the Arcadia Valley. We are informed that it will cost in the neighborhood of \$2,000,000 to complete this road and put it in proper condition, as it is to be built from the Barracks to the rifle range ground in the Valley. The grade on this road must be of a very small percent, as it is to be used for transporting cannon.

Nigger Ridge item in Charleston Enterprise-Courier: Mrs. Jim Heath of Upper Dogwood bought a setting of old fashion puddle duck eggs last week from a neighbor, Mrs. Lewis Willis. Two of the eggs are jet black. People here say they never heard of anything like it and can hardly wait for the eggs to hatch to see what the ducks will look like. Only six of the black eggs had been found up until Saturday. The Enterprise-Courier representative here has spoken for two of the eggs, one of which he intends to place in the court house with other curiosities.

Farmington Times: Judge E. E. Swink shipped a car-load of cattle to the St. Louis market the first of the week, and the cattle were sold on Tuesday's market, at the National Stock Yards in East St. Louis. There were thirty head in the car load and they netted Judge Swink \$3,185, or the nice average figure of \$106.05 a head. This shipment was graded stuff and like but another demonstration of the great advantage one has in producing the best possible grades of stock. This sale set the "high water mark" for St. Francois county, in the sale of beef cattle.

Ralph Armstrong, who for several years has been assistant cashier of the Farmers Savings Bank of this city, was in Naylor, Ripley county, the first of the week. Upon his return home he tendered his resignation to the directors of the Farmers Savings Bank as assistant cashier. Mr. Armstrong has accepted the position of cashier of the Farmers and Merchants Bank of Naylor and will leave for that place this week to assume his new duties. He is a hustling young business man, who will make a splendid cashier for the bank with which he becomes connected. C. C. McCollon, the retiring cashier, who organized the bank last year, will return to West Plains and take a well earned rest. His family resides on West Broadway.—West Plains Gazette.

**Stop Left Over Coughs.**  
Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey will stop that hacking cough that lingers from January. The soothing pine balsam loosens the phlegm, breaks the irritated membrane, the glycerine relieves the tender tissues, you breathe easier and coughing ceases. Don't neglect a lingering cough, it is dangerous. Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey is antiseptic and pleasant to take, benefits young and old, get it at your druggist today. Formula on the bottle. 25c. 23-41

**Clear Your Skin in Spring.**  
Spring house cleaning means cleaning inside and outside. Dull, pimply skin is an aftermath of winter inactivity. Flush your intestines with a mild laxative and clean out the accumulated wastes, easy to take, they do not gripe. Dr. King's New Life Pills will clear your complexion and brighten your eyes. Try Dr. King's New Life Pills to night and throw off the sluggish winter shell. At druggists, 25c. 23-41

**Bad Cough? Feverish? Grippy?**  
You need Dr. King's New Discovery to stop that cold, the soothing balsam ingredients heal the irritated membranes, soothe the sore throat, the antiseptic qualities kill the germ and your cold is quickly relieved. Dr. King's New Discovery has for 45 years been the standard remedy for coughs and colds in thousands of homes. Get a bottle today and have it handy in your medicine chest for coughs, colds, croup, grippe and all bronchial affections. At your druggist, 50c. 23-41

## Your Country Needs You.

In the present emergency the country needs the help of every Missourian of every age.

Wars are won or lost by the amount of the food supply. The U-boat warfare seeks to starve England, as the Allies blockade attempts to keep food away from the Central powers. The European nations have food dictators. Let Missouri make one unnecessary!

If war does not come, or lasts but a short time, we can force down the high cost of living. Maximum products properly preserved will increase food supply and relieve distress in times of peace, as well as during months of war.

The plan is to use all available space in the country and every vacant lot or part of lot in towns to grow articles of food that can be canned or stored for future use.

Use the boys and girls, who would otherwise be idle during the spring and summer, older persons not otherwise employed, men and women who want exercise, and in fact every body who can wield a hoe.

Neither the land nor the labor problem is involved. The plan contemplates taking no now used land or now employed person for this work. Its purpose is to put the idle Missourian to work on the idle land. Give every boy a job. Keep the weeds down. Grow garden truck instead.

The Extension Department of the College of Agriculture will first, furnish suggestions as to the best vegetables to plant or raise;

Second, give directions from time to time as to their culture;

Third, arrange for at least one practical and experienced demonstrator in each county who will give actual demonstrations as to the method of canning and preserving products for future use, and

Fourth, will provide markets for surplus canned food products.

The State Superintendent of Public Schools believes the schools, which belong to everybody, should lead in this important movement. In each county a County Committee should be formed to take charge of the work. As the logical head, he has asked the County Superintendent of Schools to serve. Unless word is received by April 7th that the County Superintendent will take hold in earnest, another will be appointed.

The County Committee should appoint township committees and they should see that there is some one in every school district in the state to look after the following details of the plan:

First, list all available ground, and

Second, see that it is planted.

Third, see that it is properly cultivated.

Fourth, arrange for canning demonstrations at the proper time (through County Committee and College of Agriculture).

Fifth, keep a record of what is done, and how much surplus products are in each neighborhood.

In this work the schools should have the support of the newspapers, clubs, fraternal organizations, banks and commercial clubs, churches, county courts, city councils, Boy Scouts, Camp Fire Girls, and all other organizations of patriotic Missourians. We have been talking patriotism. Now we can show it. Wield a hoe, as well as wear a flag! Let us all join in the movement to supply the country with food.

"Your Country needs you."  
U. S. W. LAMKIN,  
State Supt. of Public Schools.

## WOMEN'S TROUBLES IN WAR

**Humorous Though Somewhat Pathetic Letters That Have Been Received by British Authorities.**

Even the thankless task of solving the knotty points that arise in the settlement of separation allowances has its compensations. Some quaint letters that have had to be dealt with have been published already; but there are others. One correspondent, for instance, states: "My husband has been away to the Crystal Palace and got four days furlough, and has not gone to the mind sweeper." Another says: "I have received your letter. I am his grandfather and his grandmother, he was born and brought up in this house in answer to your letter." One of the most striking epistles reads: "Though I take this liberty as it leaves me at present I beg to ask if you will kindly be kind enough to let me know where my husband though he is not my legible husband as he is a wife though he says she is dead but I don't think he nos for sure but we are not married though I am getting my allotment regular which is no fault of Mr. Loy George who would stop it if he could and Mr. McKenna but if you know where he is as he is belong to the Navy Royal Fling Corp for ever since he joined in January when he was sacked from his work for talking back at his boss which was a woman at the laundry where he worked. I have not had any money from him since he joined though he told Mrs. Williams, what lives on the ground floor that he was a pretty ossifer for six shillings a week and lots of underclothings for the cold weather and I have three children what is been the father of them. Hoping you will write to me as soon as you are well as it leaves me at present. I must now close hoping you are well. . . . Westminister (England) Gazette.

## QUANTITY OF OIL IN SIGHT

**United States Geological Survey Makes Important Report on Fields in Colorado and Utah.**

Twenty billion barrels of crude oil and 2,000,000,000 barrels of gasoline is the estimated yield from Colorado shale beds, according to the United States geological survey. In anticipation of the day when, on account of the advancing cost of gasoline and other products obtained from petroleum, it might be found commercially profitable to utilize some of the enormous supply of petroleum to be derived from the distillation of the vast deposits of so-called hydrocarbon shales of the Green River formation of northwestern Colorado and northeastern Utah, the United States geological survey has for three years been making field investigations of these deposits.

The examinations have been accompanied by mapping of the areas of hydrocarbon shales and by such field measurements of the thickness of the shales in workable beds and such rudimentary distillation tests as will afford primary information concerning the amount and richness of the shales in different parts of the region.

Very rough but cautious calculations of the contents of the shale in parts of the area examined indicate that the distillation of shale from beds over three feet thick in Colorado alone will yield more than 20,000,000,000 barrels of crude oil, from which more than 2,000,000,000 barrels of gasoline can be extracted by ordinary methods. A report giving the results of these explorations and tests and an account of experiments as to possible gasoline production, both by the ordinary commercial processes and by the Hittman process, is now in press.

## Chinese Silk Production.

The general guild of the silk trade at Shanghai, a Chinese organization, is reported to have taken up on a practical basis the question of the improvement of the methods of silk production in China. Japanese silk is generally regarded by experts as naturally inferior to Chinese, yet the export of steam shawl silk from Japan has been increasing in recent years by leaps and bounds, while that from China has been at best no more than holding its own. Two representatives of the guild have been appointed to go to Japan and study the methods in use there.

## His Proper Place.

"I'm surprised to hear you say that you don't enjoy motoring with Mr. Twobble."

"It's because I see so little of him, you know," said Mrs. Twobble.

"But if he's with you—"

"That's just it. He isn't with me. Most of the time he's under the car."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

## A City Chauffeur.

"What's become of your chauffeur?"  
"Oh, he was with the regiment down in Texas and crawled under an army mine to see why it wouldn't go."

## LEISURE A LABOR FACTOR

**English Workmen Don't Seem to Take Kindly to Scientific Management.**

The British workman, like the British employer, has a special psychology, and neither German methods nor American methods wholly go down with him. Will Irwin writes in the Saturday Evening Post. Your Briton of any class does not like to work as much as the German or the American. He sets value—and I think soundly—on leisure. He wants time for a little sport and a little talk in his club or his bar. It may be this radical tendency, it may be an inheritance of the restriction-on-output system, but the English laborer seems often indifferent to high wages, while vitally interested in keeping the employer from loading him with too much work.

The munition factories in this period of national stress have been importing American efficiency experts schooled in one or another system of scientific management. I find that the British trades unionists learned their trade with general suspicion, believing their "premium bonus systems" are only excuses for "speeding up"—as in some hands they are, in fact. American speeding up seems a kind of bogey with British workmen. Again and again labor leaders told me, as a matter of common axiomatic knowledge, that the American workman is short lived. And this anecdote was told twice in my hearing from the platforms of labor meetings:

"An Englishman inspected an American factory near New York. The superintendent showed him the plant, with great pride, and boasted of their tremendous output.

"Your operatives are all young men, I notice," said the Englishman; "where are your old men?"

"Outside," said the superintendent, and he took him out and showed him a graveyard!"

## IN LANGUAGE OF ELECTRICITY

**Genuine Force in Advice Handed Out in Words That Might Be Said to Bizzle.**

Baron L. G. Rothschild, representative of the Merchants' Heat and Light company, could not resist his second nature desire to pay his respects to his friends in the legislature. The baron is an enthusiast on the governor's economy crusade. Meeting a member of the lower house who was greatly discouraged over the defeat in the senate of the oil inspection repeal bill, the baron was heard to remark: "My friend be light hearted; raise your nerve voltage. You have sufficient installation in your system to carry the load. Do not let one burnt-out fuse incapacitate your system. If necessary run your human dynamo at full capacity. Keep your finger on your distribution system, and with the support of an honest public, you will be able to develop a nitrogen light of conviction on your fellow members. When a fellow stands for what is right in principle he eventually wins." The member listened attentively and murmured: "The Goodrich economy program is current talk, all right."—Indianapolis News.

## Brazil's Wealth in Iron Ore.

Brazil is said to have the largest known deposits in the world of 70 per cent iron ore, practically free from phosphorus. The state of Minas Geras alone is estimated to have 1,500,000,000 to 2,000,000,000 tons about 800 to 400 miles from the seacoast, and bodies of iron ore exist in other states of Brazil, according to Percival Farquhar in an address at a meeting of the federal trade council, New Orleans. Our eastern mills, says the Engineering Record, whose expansion should take a new phase with our increasing export of steel and steel products, can use this ore to advantage, as well as Europe, where it will allow low-grade and high phosphorus ores to be used by mixture.

## Why He Hurried.

Arron, seeing Beerbaum with a new overcoat, asked, "were did you get it?"

"I was hurrying across Michigan avenue," said Beerbaum, "when I ran against a big car and tore my old coat. Just then the owner came out of the Chicago club and gave me fifty dollars to buy myself a new one."

Arron pulled on his own coat and, raising his hat, started for the door.

"Where're you going?" asked Beerbaum.

"Out to see if that automobile is still there."—Chicago Herald.

## High Life.

Two sons of the old and were watching a picture of high life. The screen showed the interior of a clubhouse. A number of men were drinking rather freely and all showed signs of intoxication.

"An' what do ye call that?" asked one.

"High life," replied the other, "that must be was of them 'tall' scenes we hear about."